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## Local Church News - June 2012



**On May 10, 2012, Brookmead Congregational Church, Nashville, TN took a stand for justice at the 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Corrections Corporation of America (CCA) - A Demonstration to Raise Our Voices Against For-Profit Incarceration.** A memo written by Rev. Marvin L. Morgan, Interim Pastor, states, "The violence rate is higher; the number of sexual assaults among incarcerated women is higher; the overall danger to those detained or imprisoned is higher; the risk of injury to staff is higher and the corporation's margin of profit is higher." Learn more about CCA by reading more of the [memo](#) and the [flyer](#).

**First Congregational Church UCC, Talladega, AL is celebrating its 144th Church Anniversary and Homecoming** on Sunday, May 20, at the 11 a.m. worship service. The theme of the celebration is "**Freeness of Salvation**" from Rev. 22:17: "And whosoever will, let him take from the water freely." The guest speaker will be Rev. Kathy Clark, Associate Conference Minister.

**First Congregational Church UCC, Atlanta, GA is celebrating its 145th Anniversary Worship and Building Dedication Service** on Sunday, May 27, at 11 a.m. EDT. The theme for the anniversary is "**Celebrating 145 Years of Faithful Service: Remember, Renew, Rejoice.**" Guest minister for this historic commemoration service is Rev. Dr. James Alexander Forbes, Jr., Senior Minister Emeritus of the Riverside Church New York City and President of the Healing of the Nations. After the morning service, they will dedicate the new East Wing and Garden. There will also be a dedication of a Toni Morrison Bench by the Road Project, the first site in Atlanta approved by the Toni Morrison Society.

**Hands On Atlanta and Earth Day help revive Central CUCC's forest!** Saturday, April 21, was an exciting day at Central CUCC. It was Earth Day

and Global Youth Service Day. The forest of Central Congregational UCC was selected by Hands On Atlanta as a volunteer site for 50 children and youth volunteers--ages 10 to 24, mostly high school students, who have an interest in the environment. Central's 9 acres of forest is a precious oasis of trees and native Georgia plants in the middle of an urban environment that was recently designated as a sanctioned Wildlife Refuge. Our goal is to clean up and maintain the forest for future generations of UCCer's to enjoy.

**Unity UCC, Montgomery, AL is seeking donations for their Unity Summer Feeding Program.** Writes Pastor Bennie Liggins, Unity Academy, our summer tutorial program, recently discovered that children who receive free breakfast/lunch during the school year often go without during the summer. We have been led to step into that gap. We can only finance 30 children; however we have the capacity to take care of 100 children. You can sponsor 1 child (that is feed for the summer) for a one-time tax deductible contribution of \$60.00. Checks should be made payable to: Unity Summer Feeding Pgm and mailed to Summer Feeding Program, Post Office Box 20698, Montgomery, AL 36120. Please [see the flyer](#) to learn

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